

B2



Europäisches Patentamt
 European Patent Office
 Office européen des brevets



⑪ Publication number: **0 596 823 A3**

⑫

EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION

⑬ Application number: **93480150.7**

⑮ Int. Cl.⁵: **G06F 15/72**

⑭ Date of filing: **05.10.93**

⑯ Priority: **02.11.92 US 970321**

⑰ Inventor: **Gibson, Kevin Patrick
 2152 Beacon Drive S.W.
 Rochester, MN 55902 (US)**

⑯ Date of publication of application:
11.05.94 Bulletin 94/19

⑰ Representative: **de Pena, Alain
 Compagnie IBM France
 Département de Propriété Intellectuelle
 F-06610 La Gaude (FR)**

⑯ Date of deferred publication of search report:
21.12.94 Bulletin 94/51

⑲ Applicant: **International Business Machines
 Corporation
 Old Orchard Road
 Armonk, N.Y. 10504 (US)**

⑳ Method and system for accessing associated data sets in a multimedia environment in a data processing system.

㉑ A method and system in a data processing system for selectively associating stored data with an animated element within a multimedia presentation in a data processing system. At least one data set is created or identified within the data processing system. The data set is then associated within the data processing system with a selected animated element within the multimedia presentation. Thereafter, during the multimedia presentation, the existence of the data set and the association between the data set and the selected animated element is graphically indicated utilizing a rectangle surrounding the animated element, a blinking figure near the animated element or any other suitable graphic indicator. A user may elect to have the associated data set presented by selecting the additional graphic element associated with the specified animated element, or by selecting a button or other graphic indicator, during a specified period of time following the graphic indication.

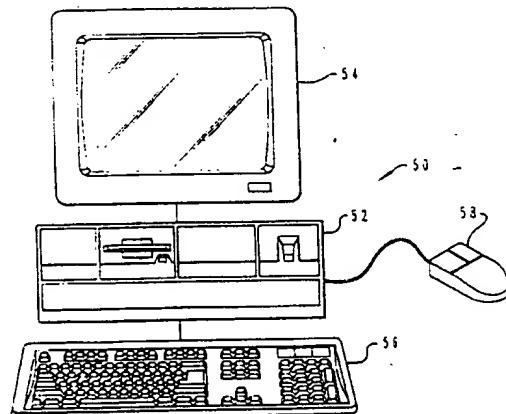


Fig. 1

EP 0 596 823 A3



European Patent
Office

EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT

Application Number

EP 93 48 0150

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT					
Category	Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages	Relevant to claims	CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (Int.CLS)		
X	COMPUTER GRAPHICS WORLD, vol.12, no.8, August 1989 pages 39 - 46 MCMILLAN 'INTERACTIVE MULTIMEDIA MEETS THE REAL WORLD' * the whole document * ---	1-12	G06F15/72		
X	COMMUNICATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTING MACHINERY, vol.32, no.7, July 1989, NEW YORK US pages 811 - 822, XP45770 RIPLEY 'DVI-A DIGITAL MULTIMEDIA TECHNOLOGY' * the whole document * -----	1-12			
TECHNICAL FIELDS SEARCHED (Int.CLS)					
G06T					
The present search report has been drawn up for all claims					
Place of search	Date of completion of the search	Examiner			
THE HAGUE	24 October 1994	Burgaud, C			
CATEGORY OF CITED DOCUMENTS					
X : particularly relevant if taken alone	T : theory or principle underlying the invention				
Y : particularly relevant if combined with another	E : earlier patent document, but published on, or after the filing date				
document of the same category	D : document cited in the application				
A : technological background	L : document cited for other reasons				
O : non-written disclosure	A : member of the same patent family, corresponding				
P : intermediate document	document				